

# *Coin Board News*

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Though my reduced traveling schedule is limiting opportunities to purchase nice boards, I've found enough nice items to put together the new list Number 106 which accompanies this newsletter. It includes no great rarities, but there are some juicy pieces condition-wise. There are no new coin board discoveries to report this time out, but I'll give you a heads-up that I will be issuing an updated Value Guide sometime during the next few months. In the year+ since my book was published, I've acquired several hundred duplicates—quite enough to determine rarity patterns by titles, editions, varieties and grades. There are some real surprises here, with some prices remaining the same and others jumping quite a bit, particularly in the higher grades. This will definitely be the case with high-grade boards from the Whitman Second and Fourth Editions, which I just can't seem to replace these days.

There are still occasional auction listings on the internet, including my own, but these are of average quality boards that I don't put on my price lists. There are periodic spikes in price for internet listings, but I suspect this reflects the interest of the buyer in a particular coin type rather than the appeal of the board itself. In such instances a board can bring more online than it would if purchased from me directly. Also continuing is the trend for common but colorful boards to bring more on the internet than truly rare boards that are less graphically pleasing. The casual buyers still outnumber the knowledgeable ones for the time being.

The big news for me is that my website address has changed, albeit only in the extension. It is now [coincollectingboards.net](http://coincollectingboards.net). This came about as the result of neglect and/or incompetence on the part of my domain registrar. It seems they were sending the renewal notice to a fictitious email address they'd created for me. When this failed to elicit a response, rather than going to my website to get the correct address, they simply let the domain name expire and then subsequently sold it to someone else. It is now available to me only from that source at a price my meager operation cannot afford. What the new owner plans to do with it I don't know. Each time I go to the old website address I see simply an older version of my own site that cannot be updated.

As the result of an article I wrote for *Numismatic News* last year I was put into contact with the descendants of premium card entrepreneur Joseph Oberwise. Joe left no heirs under his own name, and the family now descends through his sister Barbara Oberweis (note spelling) Gavron. I met with one of her grandchildren at the Santa Clara coin show, and this subsequently led to my obtaining wonderful photos and documents relating to Joseph Oberwise. These fleshed him out both as a person and a businessman, and it answered a lot of the questions that still lingered. *Numismatic News* published all of this material in my follow-up article in its September 23 issue. If you're not a subscriber, you certainly missed a great article with lots of photos.

Coin boards got a further plug when I was profiled in the Summer 2008 issue of the American Numismatic Association's newsletter, *LifeLines*. The lead article talked about the presentation I gave at the ANA convention in Baltimore on coin boards and my book about them. My display there of coin boards was a part of the new ANA feature called Collector's Corner, in which various specialists have an hour to sit at the CC booth meeting other hobbyists, discussing their area of collecting and signing their books. This was a nice addition to the convention, and I hope it will be repeated next time.

My only remaining coin show this year will be the Silver Dollar Expo in St. Charles, Missouri October 16-18. If you're going to that show, please stop by the NGC booth to say hello. In the meantime, enjoy looking over the latest price list.

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